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TAGS: EAGR, FJ, NZ
SUBJECT: SALE OF U.S. BUTTER TO FIJI.

REF: (A) SUVA 2823; (B) STATE 233685

1. FIJIAN INTEREST IN U.S. SURPLUS BUTTER DISCUSSED WITH N.Z. TRADE OFFICIALS AND N.Z. DAIRY BOARD OFFICIAL.

2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF DAIRY BOARD APPROVAL OF U.S. SALE. ONLY THROUGH PROOF THAT FIJI IS IN DEFINITE NEED OF US AID WOULD DAIRY BOARD RELUCTANTLY PERMIT DIRECT U.S. SALE, OR FIJI WAS WILLING TO MAKE NORMAL COMMERCIAL PURCHASE.

3. AUSTRALIA LIKELY TO OBJECT TO U.S. INTRUSION INTO THIS AREA.

4. ANY SALE BY U.S. WITHOUT OPEN DAIRY BOARD APPROVAL WOULD BRING NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF GNZ.

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